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For: TRANSFER SCHEME FOR SPEECH AND  
VOICE BAND SIGNALS AND ISDN  
DIGITAL SIGNALS USING REDUCED  
TRANSMISSION BANDWIDTH OVER ATM

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on April 24, 2002, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 7 as follows:

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*SP*  
(Amended). A transfer method for transferring speech and voice band signals and ISDN (Integrated Services Digital Network) digital signal between an ATM (Asynchronous Transfer Mode) network and an STM (Synchronous Transfer Mode) network, the transfer method comprising the steps of:

- (a) obtaining a silence information by detecting silence sections in input signals entered from the STM network;
- (b) obtaining a signal type information for each input signal by judging whether each